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1971

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Medical Officer of Health :

J.M.V. Packer, M.B.,Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector :

R.V. Watkin, Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.  
Qualified Meat and Other Foods Inspector (R.S.I.)



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:  
HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Urban District of Haydock for the year ending 31st December, 1971.

The building of new houses, with consequent influx of population, which has been a notable feature in recent years continued during this year. As a result, the mid-year home population of the District was estimated to have risen to 14,330. The statistics recorded in the following pages must be viewed in the light of the progressively increasing size of the population. When considering the health experience of the population in successive years the birth and death rates per 1,000 population are of more significance than the actual numbers.

The number of births in 1971 was 296, an increase of 54 over the figure for 1970. The adjusted birth rate rose from 17.4 to 19.7 per thousand population, which is well above the birth rate for England and Wales which was 16.0. Illegitimate births numbered 16, being 5% of the total live births, a rate which compares favourably with the rate of 3% for England and Wales. There were five deaths of infants under one year of age, an increase of two on the figure for the previous year, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 17 per 1,000 live births, compared with 18 per 1,000 for England and Wales. Once again there were no maternal deaths.

The total deaths were 161, an increase over the unusually low total of 145 recorded in 1970. The adjusted death rate rose from 13.4 to 13.8 per 1,000 population. For comparison, the adjusted death rate for the Lancashire Administrative County was 13.2 per thousand and the rate for England and Wales was 11.6. The three main causes of death were : ischaemic heart disease (coronary disease), 47; cerebrovascular disease (strokes), 26; malignant neoplasms (cancer), 22.

The incidence of notifiable disease was low on account of this being the alternate year in which measles notifications are low (it being a characteristic of measles that epidemics occur every second year).

It gives me pleasure to record my thanks to all members of the Council for their interest in matters relating to the Public Health of the District and to the Officials of the Council for their helpful and friendly co-operation. In particular I am indebted to Mr. R.V. Watkin, the Public Health Inspector, for the help he so readily gave me despite the considerable increase in his work-load, resulting mainly from the need for frequent food inspections at the large food warehouses on the Industrial Estate and from the large volume of work associated with applications for grants for the improvement and repair of houses.

I am  
Your obedient servant,

J.M. PACKER

Medical Officer of Health.



SECTION 1

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,395
Population (Census 1961)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,074
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid 1971)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,330
Number of inhabited houses (Census 1961)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,700
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1971 according to Rate books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,207
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 562,827
Sum represented by 1d rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 5,750

The Township of Haydock extends from St. Helens C.B. in the west to the Urban District of Golborne in the east, a distance of approximately  $3\frac{3}{4}$  miles. It is bounded on the north side by the Urban District of Ashton-in-Makerfield and on the south side by the Urban District of Newton-le-Willows.

The district is without any marked undulation of surface, the height above mean sea-level varying from 65 feet at the bottom of West End Road to 200 feet at the top of Millfield Lane.

The sub-soil consists of clay and marl with occasional beds of sand. Surface water gravitates via the various brooks and streams in the district to Sankey Brook.

The occupations of the working population are principally coal-mining, engineering in connection with the Collieries and general light engineering.

SECTION 2

VITAL STATISTICS

	Local authority area			England and Wales (Total)
	Males	Females	Total	
Estimated mid-year home population	-	-	14,330	48,815,000
Live Births: Total	150	146	296	783,165
Legitimate	141	139	280	717,491
Illegitimate	9	7	16	65,674
Stillbirths Total	4	2	6	9,898
Legitimate	3	2	5	8,826
Illegitimate	1	-	1	1,072
Total live and still births	154	148	302	793,063
Legitimate	144	141	285	726,317
Illegitimate	10	7	17	66,746
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				
Total	4	1	5	13,726
Legitimate	3	1	4	12,140
Illegitimate	1	-	1	1,586
under 4 weeks of age				
Total	2	-	2	9,113
Legitimate	1	-	1	8,121
Illegitimate	1	-	1	992
under 1 week of age				
Total	2	-	2	7,750
Legitimate	1	-	1	6,903
Illegitimate	1	-	1	847
Deaths - all ages	79	82	161	567,345

SECTION 2.

	Local Authority area	England and Wales.
	-	-
Live birth rates, etc.		
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	20.7	16.0
Area comparability factor	.95	1.00
Local adjusted rate	19.7	16.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.23	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	5	8
Stillbirth rate		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	20	12
Infant Mortality rates		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	17	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	14	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	63	24
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	7	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	7	10
Perinatal mortality rate		
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	26	22
Deaths rates, etc. - all ages		
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	11.2	11.6
Area comparability factor	1.23	1.00
Local adjusted rate	13.8	11.6
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.19	1.00

COMPARABILITY OF CRUDE LIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES : If the populations of all areas were similarly constituted as regards the proportions of their sex and age groups, their crude rates for live births and deaths (per 1,000 population) could be accepted as valid for purposes of comparison with other areas and with the country as a whole.

As the population of the areas are not thus similarly constituted the Registrar General supplies "comparability factors" to each area, by which the crude live birth and death rates of the area are "weighted" to give the "adjusted" rates, which are truly comparable with the adjusted rates of other areas.

For this area the Live Birth rate comparability factor is 0.95 and the adjusted Live Birth-rate becomes 17.4 per 1,000. The Death-rate comparability factor is 1.23 and the adjusted Death-rate is therefore 13.4 per 1,000.

COMPARISONS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, ETC : The tables on the following pages give comparisons of the Births, Deaths, etc., for the year 1971 and for the preceding 5 years; also the causes of death in Haydock Urban District for the year 1971.



# VITAL STATISTICS - COMPARATIVE TABLE

	Births			Deaths (all causes)			Infant Mortality (under 1 year)		Neonatal Mortality (under 4 weeks)		Early Neonatal Mortality (under 1 week)	
	No.	Rate per 1,000 Regis- tered pop'n.	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 Regis- tered.	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 Regis- tered.	No. of deaths	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. Regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 live births
HAYDUCK U.D.												
Year 1971	296	*20.7	6	20	161	11.2	5	17	2	7	2	7
Year 1970	242	18.3	5	20	145	10.9	3	12	1	4	1	4
Year 1969	241	18.5	2	8	161	12.4	3	12	1	4	1	4
Year 1968	235	18.4	2	8	143	11.2	3	13	1	4	1	4
Year 1967	215	17.1	3	14	172	13.7	4	19	4	19	4	19
Year 1966	199	15.9	3	14.9	174	13.9	5	25	2	10	1	5
Average 5 years 1966-1970	-	17.6	-	13	-	12.4	-	16	-	8	-	7

Adjusted - live birth rate comparability factor -  $0.95 = 19.7$  per 1,000  
- death rate comparability factor -  $1.23 = 13.8$  per 1,000

# CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1971

Cause of Death	All Under 4 weeks & Ages 4 weeks under 1 yr				age in years										75 & over	
	M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F		M F	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Leukaemia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Benign & Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
vitaminoses, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	28	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Other Forms of Heart Disease	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Other Disease of Circulatory System	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6
Pneumonia	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Disease of Respiratory System	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Septic Ulcer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour &c	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other accidents	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide & Self Inflicted Injuries	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other External Causes	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - ALL CAUSES	79	82	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

SECTION 3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - PREVENTION AND CONTROL

75 cases of Infectious disease were notified in 1971 a decrease of 153 on the figure for the previous year. 40 cases of measles were notified, compared with 179 in 1970.

Notifications of Infective Jaundice numbered 6, 45 fewer than in 1970.

ISOLATION & DISINFECTION

The Infectious Disease Hospital at Peasley Cross, St. Helens, is available for the treatment of Haydock cases.

The use of the steam disinfecter at the hospital is also available for the disinfection of bedding and clothing as and when required.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1971  
IN THE HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages	Cases Notified Age Periods - Years											Total Deaths
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & over	Age Unknown		
Measles	40	2	3	3	11	5	10	1	-	-	1	-	
Scarlet Fever	24	-	-	-	2	1	17	4	-	-	-	-	
Infective Jaundice	6	0	1	2	5	10-15	25-35	45-55	65-75	-	Age Unknown	-	
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Tuberculosis - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL :	75												



HAYDOCK URBAN DISTRICT  
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES - COMPARATIVE TABLES

Disease	1971		1970		1969		1968		1967		1966		Quinquennial Mean 1966 - 1970	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Measles	40	-	179	-	6	-	127	-	28	-	223	-	113	-
Scarlet Fever	24	-	4	-	24	-	8	-	18	-	15	-	12	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	8	-	4	-	4	-
Infective Jaundice *	6	-	51	-	32	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis-Respiratory	2	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	0.4
Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2

\* First became notifiable in 1968

SECTION 4

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY :

The supply of water to the district is the responsibility of the St. Helens Corporation who, by agreement with the Council, assumed control of the undertaking in April, 1958.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

The number of types of food premises in the area at the end of 1971 were as hereunder :-

Grocers and Provision Dealers	...	...	...	...	33
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	6
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	6
Bakers and/or Confectioners	...	...	...	...	1
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	9
Shops, selling mainly Sweets, Minerals, Ice-Cream, etc.					18
Licensed Premises, Clubs, Canteens, Restaurants, Snack-Bars and similar Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	26
Others	...	...	...	...	15

Visits to food premises during the year numbered 234.

The opening of several large food warehouses on the Haydock Industrial estate in the past few years has entailed a considerable increase in the work of food inspection. This includes the necessity for regular inspections under the Imported Food Regulations, 1968, of containers arriving at the warehouses, unexamined at the port of entry.

A large increase is also evident in the annual amounts of foodstuffs surrendered for examination and condemnation.

During 1971 the amounts and types of foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption were as follows :-

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Bacon		15	46
Canned Meat	1	6	32
" Fruit	3	2	93
" Preserve		-	86
" Vegetables		2	88
" Fruit Juice		3	11
Yeast		-	45
Flour		-	35
Butter		-	14
Frozen Fish Product		4	50
Frozen Meat Product		3	65
Frozen Vegetables		-	19
Miscellaneous Frozen Foods		-	34
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TOTAL :	6	0	58
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30 shops and one ice-cream Storage and Distribution Depot in the district are registered under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1938, for the sale of ice-cream. In each shop a refrigerator is installed and the ice-cream is sold wrapped as delivered to the shop.

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the district.

#### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS :

There are no slaughter-houses in operation in the area.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE :

With the exception of a few out-lying premises all property is connected to the public sewers.

The western part of the district is served by the Parr Sewage Works, St. Helens, which is situated partly in the Haydock district and which came into operation early in 1958.

The sewerage scheme for the eastern portion of the district, - part of the Sankey Valley Sewerage Scheme - came into operation in November, 1959.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION :

The number of the various types of conservancy measures in the district at the end of 1971 are as follows :-

Privy Middins	1
Pail Closets	1
Trough Closets	Nil
Waste-water closets	Nil
Fresh-water closets	5474
Dry Ashpits	Nil

All the schools in the district now have reasonably satisfactory sanitary accommodation and are connected to the public mains for water supply and to the public sewers for sewage disposal.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE :

The collection of refuse is carried out under the control of the Council's Surveyor. Three motor vehicles are in operation and the majority of dustbins are emptied weekly. Refuse is disposed of by means of tipping. Paper, cardboard, etc. is collected separately and sold as salvage.

RODENT CONTROL :

Although infestations of rats and mice in the district are generally of a minor nature, the sewers and refuse tips are subject to constant observation and treatment in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Infestation Control Division.

Annual contracts were entered into for rodent destruction at three farms and six business premises.

Occupiers of dwellinghouses are encouraged to report infestations of rats and mice, no charge being made for disinfection work carried out by the local authority at this type of property.

One rodent operative is employed.

Total inspections (including reinspections) carried out, and number of infestations found and treated were as follows :-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
(a) No. of properties in district	5493	15
(b) Total No. of properties inspected following notifications.	674	3
(c) No. of (b) infested by Rats	386	3
Mice	238	3
(d) Total No. of properties inspected for rats or mice for reasons other than notification	136	12
(e) No. of (d) infested Rats	17	4
Mice	41	2

DISINFESTATION :

Infestations of houses with insect pests were dealt with by the use of D.D.T. insecticide and powder, with good results.

The number and types of infestations of houses dealt with during the year were as follows :

Ants	141 houses	Bedbugs	3 houses
Cockroaches	42 "	Silverfish	4 "
Ground Beetles	30 "	Earwigs	2 "
Flies	7 "	Hornets	1 "
Crickets	7 "	Spiders	1 "

Insect pests were also dealt with at 7 other premises.



SHOPS ACT, 1950 :

The Shops Authority in this area is the Lancashire County Council, but inspectorial duties are carried out by the Public Health Inspector who, for that purpose, has been appointed Shops Inspector by the County Council.

There are 184 premises classified as shops under this Act, in the district, and inspections during the year numbered 367.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT, 1928 AND 1936.

19 premises were licenced to keep petroleum spirit and four to keep petroleum mixtures. Visits of inspection to new and existing installations numbered 29.

Income from licence fees amounted to £125-00.

The new Shell-B.P. Hydrocarbon Oil Terminal, claimed to be the largest of its particular type in Europe, came into operation during 1968.

SECTION 5

HOUSING

At the end of 1971, according to the Rate Books, the total number of houses in the area was 5,207.

Of these 1,683 are Council houses and some 1,300 have been built in the post-war period by private enterprise. The majority of the remainder are of terrace type, 60 years of age and upwards, whose general standard may be described as "fair". Little overcrowding exists.

During 1971, 278 traditional permanent houses were erected by private enterprise and 58 by the local authority.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :-

(1) (a)	Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	409
(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose	906
(c)	No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	112
(2)	Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at the end of the year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit, and in respect of which:-	
(a)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made	7
(b)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made	60

2. Houses Demolished :-

(1) In Clearance Areas :	
Houses unfit for habitation	18
(2) Not in Clearance Areas :	
As result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17 (i) Housing Act, 1957	9

3. Unfit Houses Closed :-

Under Section 17 (i) Housing Act, 1957	Nil
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4. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied :-

(1) After informal action by Local Authority	7
(2) After formal notice under Public Health Act:	1
by owner	1
by Local Authority	NIL
(3) After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957	3

5. Houses Improved :-

By Discretionary Grant :-

(1) Applications submitted	15
(2) Applications approved	15
(3) Amount of Grant Approved.	£ 7,439
(4) Work completed	11

By Standard Grant :-

(1) Applications submitted (a) to full standard	19
(b) to reduced standard	NIL
(2) Applications approved (a) to full standard	19
(b) to reduced standard	NIL
(3) Work completed	19

Amenities provided under the Standard Grant procedure were :-

Bath in Bathroom	16
Washbasin	14
Inside Water Closet	17
Hot & Cold Water Supply - at 3 points	14
- at 1 or 2 points	2
Sink	3

Grants paid during the year in respect of 18 houses improved amounted to £9,347-00



SECTION 6INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL HYGIENEFACTORIES ACT, 1961

There are 46 registered factories in the district comprising 44 factories in which mechanical power is used, and 2 without mechanical power.

The types of factory are :-

Engineering ... ..	9
Motor Vehicle Manufacture ... ..	2
Joinery ... ..	1
Pre-cast Concrete Goods ... ..	1
Laundry ... ..	1
Hinge-Making and Electro-Plating ... ..	1
Warehousing ... ..	1
Road Roller Repairs ... ..	1
Motor Vehicle Repairs ... ..	14
Agricultural Machinery Repairs .. ..	1
Concrete Mixing ... ..	1
Radio & T.V. Valve Assembly ... ..	1
Scrap Metal Recovery ... ..	2
Fork Lift Repairs ... ..	1
Compressed Air Tool Repairs ... ..	1
Heating Engineers ... ..	1
Office Machinery Repairs .. ..	1
Assembly and Packaging of Toys .. ..	1
Mineral Water Manufacture ... ..	1
Vehicle Washing ... ..	1
Tractor Repairs ... ..	1
Tyre Repairs ... ..	1
Seed Cleaning .. ..	1

8 sites of building operations were registered under Section 127 of the Factories Act, 1961.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration

of the Factories Act, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	2	5	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	44	47	1	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	5	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	54	57	1	NIL

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectr.	By H.M. Inspectr.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1).	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	-	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	1	NIL	2	NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Class of Premises				
	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops, Ware-Houses	Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens.	Fuel Storage Depots
No. of registered premises at end of year.	22	36	20	7	1
No. of premises receiving a general inspection during year	4	6	16	1	-
No. of exemptions current at end of year:					
Space	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Temperature	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Washing Facilities	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Visits of all kinds to registered premises numbered 33

SECTION 7.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, VISITS, ETC.

Dwellinghouses (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ...	409
Re-inspections and re-visits to above ... ..	497
Housing conditions and overcrowding ... ..	15
Applications for Improvement Grants (Inspections & visits)	138
Drainage (Inspections and re-inspections) ... ..	157
Water Supply (Inspections and re-inspections) ... ..	10
Ditches and Water Courses (Inspections & re-inspections)...	4
Accumulations of refuse ... ..	10
Movable dwellings ... ..	8
Rodent Control (Inspections, re-inspections & treatments)	2,334
Disinfestations of Premises ... ..	315
Food shops and premises ... ..	284
Other shops ... ..	196
Factories ... ..	57
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, (total visits) ...	33
Interviews with Owners, Contractors, etc. ... ..	6
Petroleum ... ..	29
Miscellaneous ... ..	97

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Number of Nuisances or Defects discovered ... ..	385
Number of Informal Notices served... ..	27
Verbal Notices and/or letters ... ..	268
Number of Statutory Notices served ... ..	1
Number of Notices complied with (including Verbal Notices)	257
Number of Nuisances or defects abated ... ..	304

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS

Type of Defect	No. Discovered	No. Remedied
Water Closets ... ..	14	8
Drains ... ..	54	58
Water Supply ... ..	4	3
Sinks ... ..	2	2
Waste Pipes ... ..	1	1
Dustbins ... ..	173	153
Washboilers ... ..	-	-
Roofs ... ..	14	7
Chimneys and Flues ... ..	4	3
Eavesgutters ... ..	16	13
Downspouts ... ..	3	1
Brickwork/Pointing ... ..	11	3
Plastering ... ..	11	6
Floors ... ..	4	6
Windows ... ..	17	7
Doors ... ..	8	10
Firegrates ... ..	1	1
Dampness ... ..	16	9
Yard Paving . . . . .	1	3
Miscellaneous ... ..	31	10
TOTAL :	385	304



SECTION 8

PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH AND ANCILLARY  
SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

LABORATORY ARRANGEMENTS :—

(Public Health Laboratory Service and County Analyst's Department)

Pathological specimens, samples of milk, foodstuffs, "swabs" etc. for bacteriological investigation are dealt with by the Public Health Laboratory Service either at the Public Health Laboratory, Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool, or at the Public Health Laboratory, Withington Hospital, Manchester. The chemical analysis of water samples, and of samples of food and drugs, is undertaken at the County Analyst's Department, County Offices, Preston.

HOSPITAL SERVICES :

The Haydock Cottage Hospital is the only hospital situated in the district; it is a General Hospital with a nominal establishment of 13 beds, but in view of its small size it is not equipped to deal with major surgical cases. The district is mainly served for general cases by the St. Helens Hospital and also by the Providence Hospital, St. Helens. Maternity cases requiring hospital attention are admitted to the Cowley Hill Maternity Hospital, St. Helens, Whiston Hospital, Billinge Hospital or Warrington General Hospital. Cases requiring isolation on account of infectious disease are normally admitted to the Peasley Cross Isolation Hospital, St. Helens. In-patients' treatment for patients suffering from tuberculosis is provided at Eccleston Hall; out-patient sessions are held by the Chest Physician at St. Helens.

Facilities for the treatment of psychiatric illnesses are centred on Winwick Hospital, and for mental subnormality at Newchurch Hospital, Culcheth.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SERVICES :

The family doctor service and the general dental, pharmaceutical and ophthalmic services are the responsibility of the Lancashire Executive Council, 42, West Cliff, Preston.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES :

The Lancashire County Council is the Local Health Authority, and the day to day administration of the wide range of services which it provides in this area is in the hands of Divisional Health Committee No. 10.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE:

All vehicles in the Lancashire County Council ambulance service are under radio control, and all services in the Division are controlled by staff at the area ambulance headquarters at Whiston. Vehicles from other stations can be brought in easily because of the radio contact when necessary.

This service deals with all types of cases where such transport is required by reason of illness (including mental illness or mental subnormality), whether accident, other emergency, general illness or infectious disease. In cases of emergency, any person having reason to do so may summon an ambulance, and the emergency service number '999' should be used. In other cases the calls for this service are made either by a doctor, dentist, midwife, nurse or other duly qualified person, who can call Whiston headquarters, telephone number 051-426-5222.

Five stretcher-carrying ambulance vehicles, and three "sitting case" cars are stationed at the Ambulance Station, Silverdale Road, Newton-le-Willows and manned by an appropriate staff, all qualified in First Aid.

### CLINIC SERVICES :

The Urban District is served by the Clinic, Station Road, Haydock, where the following sessions are held:-

Child Health Clinics - each Wednesday morning and  
afternoon.

Ante-natal Clinic - alternate Thursday afternoons.

Ante-natal Relaxation Class - alternate Thursday  
afternoons.

Dental, ophthalmic, orthopaedic and chiropody sessions  
by appointment.

By the end of the year, plans were well advanced to reconstruct and extend the Clinic to form a Health Centre.

### HEALTH VISITING

A Health Visitor is a State Registered Nurse who has received at least a course of training in midwifery and undertaken a year of special training in preventive medicine (especially early detection of handicaps), health education, and social work. Although in much of her work she is concerned with mothers and children, her duties are by no means confined to these members of the family. In recent years the Health Visitor has worked increasingly with adults, particularly the elderly.

A substantial part of the Health Visitor's time is spent in connection with the School Health Service

undertaking the duties of a School Nurse. If a Health Visitor has the aptitude she may undertake teaching of classes in health education and mothercraft subjects which are included in the school curriculum.

Hitherto each Health Visitor has worked in a defined geographical area, but the current trend is to make the Health Visitor's caseload the patients registered with one or more family doctors and to arrange for the Health Visitor to have frequent contact with the doctors.

The Health Visitors employed in this District are based at The Clinic, Station Road, Haydock.

#### DISTRICT NURSING :

An "attachment" scheme is now in operation by which district nursing sisters take their patients according to the medical practice to which they are attached and not according to a geographical district as before. District nurses of the S.E.N. grade and nursing auxiliaries are also employed to work under the supervision of the nursing sisters; in this scheme nursing sisters and general medical practitioners work closely together with full consultation so that the skill of the specially trained nurse can be properly employed.

The District Nursing Sister is Mrs. O. J. Wilkinson, 30 Chestnut Drive, Pennington - Tel. No. Leigh 29100.

#### MIDWIFERY:

Whole-time domiciliary midwives are engaged on this work within the Urban District in the employ of the County Council, which is both the Local Health Authority and Supervising Authority under the Midwives Act. These nurses normally accept responsibility for cases residing within reasonable proximity of their homes, but the principle of the expectant mother's free choice of midwife (as of doctor), is well established. Each has a car at her disposal to enable her to respond quickly to urgent calls and to carry apparatus for analgesia.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the midwives are :-

Mrs. W. Burns, 2, Folds Road, Haydock - Tel No: St.Helens  
27135

Mrs. M.A.McGhee, 58, Johns Avenue, Haydock - Tel No:  
Ashton-in-Makerfield 77477.



## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Facilities are provided both by the County Council and by family doctors for giving protection against smallpox, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles, and german measles. Certain other immunisations, e.g. against typhoid fever, may be given by family doctors when required. The B.C.G. injection against tuberculosis is given by the School Health Service and by the staff of Chest Clinics.

## PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE :

The scope of these arrangements is very wide and includes health education, health visiting in the homes including those persons suffering from tuberculosis, the provision of ancillary nursing equipment, the after-care of patients who have suffered from illness either at home or in hospital, and the provision of convalescent accommodation. It also includes the provision of a chiropody service available to the elderly (aged 65 or over), registered handicapped persons, and expectant mothers.

Further information about all the foregoing services may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer, Divisional Health Office, Winwick. (Telephone No: Warrington 37444).

## HOME HELP SERVICE :

This service is available to homes requiring such assistance by reason of the presence in the household of a case of sickness (including mental illness and deficiency), advanced pregnancy, a parturient woman, an aged person or a child under school leaving age.

The service is not a free one; contributions must be made by the applicants towards the cost of provision in accordance with scales adopted by the County Council. Many applicants are, however, old age pensioners in straightened circumstances whose incomes are below the minimum prescribed by the scales, who therefore receive this help free of cost.

## MENTAL HEALTH :

Social work help and statutory action under the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959 for persons suffering from mental illness or subnormality was provided by a team of four Mental Welfare Officers based at the Divisional Health Office, Winwick.

A Special School for 120 mentally handicapped children and an adjacent hostel for 25 children are situated at Mill Lane, Newton-le-Willows, and an Adult Training Centre for 45 subnormal men and women and a hostel accommodating 27 residents are located at Grange Road, Haydock.

Another Adult Training Centre and Hostel were opened during the year at Golborne.

WELFARE SERVICES :

The County Council is the Authority responsible for implementing Parts III and IV of the National Assistance Act, 1948 and related legislation. Broadly speaking, these services provide for the elderly, the handicapped, and the homeless. As is the case with the services already mentioned, the day to day administration of the Welfare Services was in the hands of Divisional Health Committee No.10. The Divisional Medical Officer had on his staff a Divisional Welfare Organiser who led a team of four Social Welfare Officers and two Welfare Assistants.

The County Council's scheme utilises very fully the various voluntary agencies, including the Old People's Welfare Committee which provide an excellent means of fostering liaison between the statutory and voluntary bodies concerned with the care of the aged. Either directly or through the voluntary agencies the County Council makes provision to meet a wide range of needs of aged and handicapped persons, including provision of counselling, social club, luncheon clubs and "meals on wheels", training facilities, home and workshop employment, occupational therapy and holidays.

Accommodation is provided for those of the aged population no longer able to live an independent existence in their own homes, even with the maximum help from the domiciliary services. The Homes in this Division are Golborne House, Golborne (which accommodates 50 residents), Heathside, Penketh (50 residents), Heyescroft, Haydock (51 residents), and Larchfields, Newton-le-Willows (51 residents). Day care and short term care are also provided at each of these Homes. Residential accommodation, including short term care, for the handicapped is provided elsewhere in the County (at Swinton and Fleetwood).

One of the most useful developments in recent years has been that of warden - supervised bungalows or flatlets for elderly persons and, when necessary, the handicapped. These afford the privacy and the stimulus associated with a person having his or her own home, whilst at the same time providing the security deriving from the presence of a responsible person who "keeps an eye" on the resident and can send for help if it should be required.

Temporary accommodation is provided at Farnworth and Trafford Park for families who become homeless for reasons which could not reasonably have been foreseen.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT :

The responsibilities of the County Council under the Children Act and Children and Young Persons Acts were carried out by the Children's Committee through the Children's Officer. Locally, Area Children's Committee No. 11 was responsible for the day to day operation of the service. On the 1st April, 1972, this service became a responsibility of the Divisional Social Services Committee.

Enquiries regarding the Social Services Department should be made to the Area Officer, Social Services Department (Division 3), The Old Rectory, Winwick, (Tel: Warrington 37444).





